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1. In late February, the 131 Division was at T'angchiawan (唐家灣), Chungshan Hsien. The division was equipped with six long-range artillery pieces. Its headquarters was in the residence of T'ANG Shao-i (唐紹儀). In late February, one battalion and one machine gun company of the 5 Regiment of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column was at Wantzu, opposite Macao.
2. On each night from 25 to 28 February, the Kwangtung Military District Command sent 15 army trucks from the Canton Army Depot to the Haifeng (115-20, 22-58), Lufeng (115-38, 22-58), Ch'aoan (116-37, 23-42) and Swatow areas. Each truck was loaded with heavy weapons, including some new Soviet weapons, for troops in these areas. Soviet advisers accompanied the shipments.
3. On 1 March, the Special Machine Gun Artillery Regiment, 15 Army Group, which comprises over 1,000 men commanded by TENG Tso (鄧佐), moved from Canton to T'ai'pinghsu (太平墟) in Tungkuan Hsien. The unit took a position along the Tungkuan-T'ai'ping highway and then moved to a location on the nearby coast. The regiment is equipped with 12 mountain guns, 8 field pieces, 10 x 60 mm guns, 15 bazookas, 17 x 25 mm machine guns, 5 cannons and over 200 horses and mules.
4. On 25 March, 60 army trucks were being repaired at a maintenance shop at T'ungtang (118-06, 24-40).
5. On 25 March, Chinese Communists stored 200,000 piculs of rice and 200,000 piculs of firewood at Amoy.

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6. On 1 April, hsien governments in central Kwangtung started collecting a "militia fund" tax from farmers in the area, consisting of five catties of unhulled rice for every mou of land. The tax was not officially announced by Kwangtung authorities. It was levied because of a shortage of funds and food supplies needed to support the expanded militia training program.

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- * Comment reported that 20 light tanks, 30 armored cars, 6 anti-aircraft guns and 20 artillery pieces were sent to Canton in mid-March 1951. These weapons were supplied by the Soviets.

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